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The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Basic Sciences Agreement Meeting

1. On 8 February 1988, I attended an Interagency meeting called by the National Security Council on the status of preparations for a Basic Sciences Agreement between the governments of the Soviet Union and the United States. I was accompanied by [REDACTED] of CIA/SOVA. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Bob Dean.

2. Mr. Dean began by noting that the meeting was to be an informational one to take stock of where we are and to discuss moving forward. He then turned to Mr. Michael Marks from the Office of Science and Technology Policy to provide a status report.

3. Mr. Marks gave an excellent historical rundown beginning in the summer of 1986 when possible cooperative topics were developed, running through the COMEX review of the topics in early 1987 and the development of a procedure for implementation of a US/Soviet agreement. He noted that such a procedural document was a first. He went on to note that the Soviets in the fall of 1987 agreed that no application areas would be included, agreed to the US list of topics, and proposed a large number of additional topics. These new topics have since been vetted through COMEX. Mr. Marks noted that the following things have been done:

- a draft framework agreement
- a draft of the Interagency procedures for implementation
- draft MOUs for National Science Foundation and the US Geological Survey
- a "scorecard" on the Soviet proposals to indicate what our position is on their suggestions.

He went on to say that the remaining things that needed to be done were to finalize the Intelligence mechanism on implementation; some legal decisions on intellectual property rights; some additional review of just a few of the additional Soviet-proposed topics; and, following that, the finalization of the scorecard.

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Mr. Marks made a strong statement attempting to dispel the notion that the work had been stalled. No one disputed Mr. Marks, so it was not apparent who had raised this concern. He believes much has been accomplished in four months, there is only a little left to do, and at this point we should not rush. Mr. Marks felt that he would have a complete package within about two weeks which could then go forward for higher-level review. All other agencies agreed that such was the case and that we could shortly go forward.

Apparently, the only contentious issue is that of leadership in the future. OSTP wants to manage the process, including the negotiations with the Soviets, believing that we were badly burned in the 1970s in earlier US/Soviet scientific cooperation. Ms. Rozanne Ridgway of State expressed her bewilderment because, from State's perspective, they have the legal responsibility to oversee such matters, and the existing machinery of review works well. This issue will obviously require a higher-level decision.

The meeting ended with the thought that following completion of the entire package of material by Mr. Marks' Interagency group it would be forwarded to Bill Graham, the President's Science Advisor, who would then arrange with the NSC a Policy Review Group meeting for final review and approval.

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SUBJECT: Interagency Meeting on the Status of Preparations
 for a Basic Sciences Agreement with the Soviet
 Union (C)

There will be a meeting on the U.S.-USSR Basic Sciences Agreement
 Monday, February 8, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. in room 206 OEOR. (C)

The purpose of this meeting is to take stock of the status of
 preparations for negotiation of the Agreement and decide what
 steps we need to take to move ahead. Each agency should send no
 more than two representatives. (C)

Robert H. Stevens
 for Paul Schott Stevens
 Executive Secretary

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